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Today's Topics:

 What if Novice/Tech+ got a 80m phone subband?
 Why does practice work for you but not for me? (2 msgs)

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Date: Thu, 4 Nov 1993 08:44:02 GMT
From: paris.ics.uci.edu!csulb.edu!library.ucla.edu!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!
vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!moe.ksu.ksu.edu!crcnis1.unl.edu!news.unomaha.edu!
cwis.unomaha.edu!@@news.service.uci.edu
Subject: What if Novice/Tech+ got a 80m phone subband?
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

You want to know what would happen if Novices/Technicians got 80 meter phone?

The Silent Key column in QST would be 12 pages long! :)

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Michael Fortner N0YBC	Where are we going?
Internet: ncc2001@cwis.unomaha.edu	PLANET 10!
Packet: N0YBC@WB0BLR.#SWIA.IA.USA.NA	When?
	REAL SOON!

Date: Wed, 3 Nov 93 03:19:39 GMT

From: news.sprintlink.net!dg-rtp!webo!dg-webo.webo.dg.com!abacket@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Why does practice work for you but not for me?
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <y1gDcc3w165w@amanda.jpunix.com> robert@amanda.jpunix.com (Robert)
writes:
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>Get on-the-air, and make as many contacts as possible. That was my
>method, and it worked for me. It may work for you, too. Try it.
>
> --Robert
>

I have. It hasn't.
Thank you for the suggestion however.

73/al

Did I drop my .sig in the coffee??? Al Brackett
N1IQQ @ KA1RCI.RI (for those that know) abacket@dg-webo.webo.dg.com
Work For Peace / Plan For Conflict / You can't WIN if You don't TRY
[insert] Standard Disclamer Here< > BLESS / PEACE

Date: 2 Nov 1993 16:29:17 -0800
From: news.sprintlink.net!news.world.net!teleport.com!teleport.com!not-for-
mail@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Why does practice work for you but not for me?
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Robert (robert@amanda.jpunix.com) wrote:
: andy@wco.ftp.com (Andy Nourse) writes:

: > Nobody has ever explained how one is supposed to overcome this.
: >It is as if
: > everyone who ever becomes proficient at the code never had a problem
: > with that to begin with.
: >
: > I have gotten numerous email messages from others who have had the same
: > problem.

: Get on-the-air, and make as many contacts as possible. That was my
: method, and it worked for me. It may work for you, too. Try it.

: --Robert

I wish this was the universal answer. It is not. When I had my non-renewable novice ticket, (in '69, I think), I was on the air a LOT! When it expired, I could copy 7-8 wpm. These days I practice a couple of times a day with Super Morse. Have been since January. Still 7-8 wpm.

I have recieved a couple of seemingly promising hints, but still no luck.

I don't intend to give up, though experience seems to indicate that the odds are not good.

What say you, oh great Guru's of cw?

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: | Anyone who cannot cope with Morse code is not fully human.  At best |
: | he is a tolerable subhuman who has learned to wear shoes, bathe, and |
: | not make messes in the house.                                     |
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No doubt this is meant to be amusing. Don't be suprised if those of us who have been beating our heads against the proverbial wall are disgusted with the arrogance it implies.

73's

Gene

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Those who beat their swords into plowshares
are destined to plow for those who don't.

genew@teleport.com

Please direct flames to: genew@ucant.gethere.frmhere

Date: Tue, 2 Nov 1993 13:21:30

From: munnari.oz.au!spool.mu.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!lard.ftp.com!
tiedye.wco.ftp.com!andy@network.ucsd.edu

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <CFtzpA.FBn@cbnewsm.cb.att.com>, <andy.24.00104545@wco.ftp.com>,
<2b5nja\$ra2@charm.magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu>

Subject : Re: Why does practice work for you but not for me?

In article <2b5nja\$ra2@charm.magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu> wvhorn@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu (William VanHorne) writes:

>>I have analyzed my own ineffective process as best I can and have found that
>>the main problem I face is that the input (hearing the code that is being
>>sent) and the output (to the paper) do not occur simultaneously. Every

>>character that comes in while I am writing is LOST.

>Well, you're right, I never had *that* problem with code. However, I once
>knew an auto mechanic type person who couldn't write while listening. This
>meant that he couldn't take phone messages, instructions, etc.

Very likely the only difference between him and me is that I may have a better
memory. I am no more capable of doing writebehind with speech than with morse
code (that is, not at all).

Fortunately I am a software engineer, not a secretary. I would not make it
at all as a secretary, even though I can type as fast as many of them.

I suspect that this may be related to which side of the brain does each
activity, though this would be very difficult to verify.

> While working with him I noticed that every time he wrote something
>he would unconsciously, and silently, form the words he was writing with his
>mouth....
>You may be doing something like that. Are you unconsciously "talking" the
>characters as you write them?

I do not know. It is certainly possible. I will try videotaping myself
while copying code and see if that is the case.

Date: Tue, 02 Nov 1993 15:36:39 -0700
From: ftpbox!mothost!schbbs!node_142cf.aieg.mot.com!user@uunet.uu.net
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <CftzpA.FBn@cbnewsm.cb.att.com>, <andy.24.00104545@wco.ftp.com>,
<2b6akr\$bdc@hpscit.sc.hp.com>
Subject : Re: Why does practice work for you but not for me?

In article <2b6akr\$bdc@hpscit.sc.hp.com>, garhow@hpubmaa.esr.HP.COM (Garry
Howard) wrote:

> I sometimes tune in a really fast station and just listen.
> At first, you lose track of what is going on, then you manage to copy a
> few characters in a row, and eventually you get to a sort of stream of
> consciousness level where you don't really think about it anymore.

I still do that, if you don't get upset at missing 90% of the characters at
first it works suprisingly well. A couple of weeks and you are hearing 90%
instead of missing 90%!

Getting it to "just happen" without conscious thought is the key IMHO.

> Personally
> I think the secret is to listen to code that is faster than the speed you
> are trying to learn even if you are only catching a character here and
> there at first. Then when you drop back to the slower speed you will be
> surprised at how slow it seems.

You get to the point where anything under 20wpm is really hard to copy
because it sounds so different.

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